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'Fusing of Exiles' Keynote of 2nd Sephardi Parley

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COURAGE is no substitute for politics. The defenders of Dien Bien Phu have fallen at the post but the battle has not been won yet. There has not been a brave man's death or in the victory of his enemy. The decision lies with feeble old gentlemen and their clerical adjutants who meet in conference and say have across a polished table.

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Nobody quite knows. General de Gaulle thought that by fortifying it and putting there a garrison to meet the Vietminh commander, General Giap, he could compel a static battle and so wear down the enemy that he would be able to chase it from Laos, Cambodia, and the Red River Delta back into a few miles of no man's land. His calculations went amiss. We have seen that such calculations often go amiss in a world where subject peoples are learning mastery. That may be why Mr. Dulles has grown impatient of the futile glory of Dien Bien Phu and its like, which are being diminished in his reckoning and the reckoning of his Kremlin antagonists.

THE "skirmish" has caused French hearts to swell even as French eyes wept; and tomorrow Mr. Dulles may fall even as General de Gaulle has fallen, though with less honour; for if to such desperate deeds a hero is brought, there must also be a scapegoat at hand. Dien Bien Phu may not mark the end of war in Indo-China but it may well mark the end of France's war in Indo-China. Geneva will fall — it gets through its procedural fall.

AND if France's war becomes the world's war, what then? Dien Bien Phu on atomic scale? No one knows the answer. And because of that dark uncertainty the world is fumbling towards a truce, an armistice, a cease-fire, a truce, an armistice, call it what you like as long as the war can be ended and time found for thinking. The defenders of Dien Bien Phu had no time to think. Perhaps they are spending dying will give us time to think. For if we think hard enough we may find a way of getting what we want in Asia and other places without having to fight for it.

ROMANIA READY FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

VIENNA, Sunday (AFP). — The official Romanian News Agency, "Agerpres," stated today that the Romanian Government had informed the Israel Charge d'Affaires in Bucharest that it was ready to negotiate a trade agreement with Israel. A Romanian delegation would be sent to Israel shortly for preliminary talks.

LEVANON Explains Why Clerks Asked to Quit

WASHINGTON, Sunday (Reuter). — A tense and quarrelsome Municipal Council meeting tonight heard from Mayor Nabil Lebanon's statement made to the District Attorney concerning the four officials of the City's Maintenance Department whose integrity had been questioned.

The District Attorney wrote that the facts concerning these officials did not justify legal action although they did contain information casting reflections and arousing suspicions as to their activities.

This statement applied to three of the officials, Mr. Fichman, head of the Maintenance Department; Mr. Halperin, his deputy, and Mr. Lipsky, the Secretary of the Department. As to the fourth, Mr. Skittel, a clerk, the District Attorney stated that it was clear that he had "broken the law in matters concerning Municipal property" but that he had probably been a "tool" in the hands of others and that the State intended using him as a prosecution witness in the trial of Mr. Lebanon and Lebanon, both of the Maintenance Department, against whom charges had already been filed.

The Mayor told the Council he had been decided to ask these officials to resign but that they had refused. A letter sent to the State Comptroller to express opinion on the issue was answered last week with an explanation that the State Comptroller was in a position to exercise views on individuals but on administration faults generally. It also said that it was regrettable that legal authorities did not have their own disciplinary powers as in the civil service.

Sharett Review Opens Knesset Session Today

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The Prime Minister is to open the summer session of the Knesset this afternoon with a statement on the latest developments in foreign affairs. His statement was outlined and approved after yesterday's weekly Cabinet session in the Capital, the Government spokesman said after the meeting.

The Prime Minister is expected to deal with the supply of arms to Iraq, the recent declarations of the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, and the Security Council deliberations.

The spokesman reiterated that no increase in salaries will be permitted during the present fiscal year. He repeated that the Government is ready to negotiate with representatives of the public bodies for the next fiscal year after the recently appointed wages committee completes its work in a few months.

The Health Minister is to ensure minimal services, should the threatened three-day doctors' strike go ahead, according to the spokesman, said that no decision had been taken to continue the strike to continue working.

Doctors in Service

In reply to questions, he stated that the Government had a code of ethics under the Defense Regulations (1939), and the Emergency Regulations (Mobilization of Manpower, 1948). The latter is actually in practice now, as doctors for immigrant and border settlements serve in communities with this regulation.

A Government source pointed out yesterday that the doctors' strike is to hold a three-day strike from next Tuesday was taken by a vote of all doctors, private and public, although the decision affects only the latter category.

A spokesman consisting of the Ministers of Finance, Education and Culture, and Interior has recommended that Government allocations to the University and Technion be increased. (At present they are to receive, from the 1954/55 budget, IL 1.2m and IL 650,000 respectively.) The Government source said they have requested an additional IL 1.5m. and IL 500,000 respectively, and will "undoubtedly" receive less.

He was not sure exactly how the transfer of funds to the institutions would be effected, as transfers within the budget — from one institution to another — are the privilege of special legislation.

The three-member committee is to meet and determine exact amounts and methods.

Israel will be represented at the International Labour Organization convention in Geneva, which is to be held next week.

His Deputy, Mr. I. Makover (General Zionist) will be Acting Mayor for 14 days, when an election will be held.

The Labour opposition on the Council claimed that the resignation was the result of the failure of the Religious Coalition to run the affairs of the City in accordance with the principles of management, labour and the Government.

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As reported, Mr. Zeev Sharf is to become Director of State Revenue, while continuing his responsibilities as Government Secretary, the Cabinet decided.

The conference, which starts on Tuesday and will last four days, will consider all of the problems of the region, including the tension between Israel and the Arab states.

The official communiqué stated:

THE Prime Minister and Foreign Minister reported at yesterday's Cabinet session on developments in foreign relations and on discussions with physician's representatives concerning the wage demands.

The participation of the budgets of institutions of higher learning was concluded.

The participation of the Minister of Labour in the 37th conference of the International Labour Organization in Geneva was approved.

The Cabinet approved the decisions of the Economic Ministers' Committee in connection with the report of the Committee to Study Efficiency of Income Tax Assessment and Collection.

It was decided that Mr. Zeev Sharf would be Director of State Revenue, in addition to his position as Government Secretary.

Membership in Israel was estimated at 8,700, in Syria and the Lebanon 18,000, in Iraq at 10,000 and in Egypt at under 3,000 U.S. citizens.

400 Royal Engineers In Suez for Cyprus

Jerusalem Post Correspondent NICOSIA, Sunday. — According to a usually reliable source, 400 men of the Royal Engineers, now based in the Canal Zone, will be transferred to Cyprus on May 14.

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Social & Personal

In addition to those announced yesterday, the Heads of the following States have sent Independence Day greetings to the President: Belgium, Brazil, Finland, Hungary, India, Italy, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey and West Germany.

The Prime Minister has received Independence Day greetings from the Foreign Ministers of the following States: Belgium, Brazil and Italy, as well as from the Chilean Minister to Israel who resides in Ankara.

Mr. Katriel Katz, Israeli Charge d'Affaires in Budapest, returned to Hungary by El Al yesterday after a one-month leave.

Mr. Y. Tsur, Director of Lydda Airport, left yesterday by a Civil Aviation Department plane for Rhodes to attend the regional meeting of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Mr. Zalman Shazar has been appointed Chairman of the Research Institute for Labour and Cooperation of the Hebrew Kibbutz School of Economics and Social Sciences — the Hebrew University.

Mr. Meyer Weisgal, Chairman of the Executive Council of the Weizmann Institute of Science returned yesterday by LAL after a three-month visit to the U.S., Britain, France and Italy on behalf of the Institute.

Dr. Jacob Levitt, president of the Taro pharmaceutical factory, returned to New York by El Al yesterday, after attending the opening of the new factory premises where a new type of penicillin product is to be produced under the trade name of Wyeth.

Mr. J. B. Gordon and his wife Mrs. Edy Gordon, Youth Aliya Chairman in New England, returned to the U.S. yesterday by El Al after attending the cornerstone-laying ceremony of the Einstein School building in Ben Shemen. The cornerstone-laying of the Gordon Recreation building in the "New England" youth village at Kfar Vitkin.

A garden party was held on Independence Day at the Huberman Cafe, Tel Aviv, for the children of "Le-pioneers" — Shell Company, Tel Aviv Lydda, as well as of Shell Chemicals, Tel Aviv.

Dr. G. W. Scott Blair, Head of the Physics Department, National Institute of Research in Daresbury, University of Reading, England, who is now in Israel as the guest of the Technion and the Israel Research Council, is to deliver the second of two guest lectures on "Rheology in Medical Science" under the auspices of the University of the Hebrews. On April 30, 8:30 this evening in the assembly hall of the Faculty of Science (Geography Building), 29 Rehov Maimon, ground floor, Jerusalem. Physicians and physicists are especially invited.

Professor David Rittenberg, Columbia University, New York, is to deliver a guest lecture on "The Biochemical Pathway of the Oxidation of Phenylalanine" under the auspices of the Technion and the Israel Research Council today, Monday, May 10, 1954, at 8 p.m. at the Technion, Haifa.

Dr. Arthur J. Lelyveld of New York, Director of the Hillel Foundations of B'nai B'rith, is to address the Jerusalem B'nai B'rith on "American Jewry and Israel Today" at 1:15 p.m. tomorrow at the Israel Touring Club, B'nai B'rith visitors from abroad are invited.

LESS WORK IN THE TOWNS

Unemployment in urban areas rose during the week ending April 30, while no rise in unemployment was reported in rural areas.

During last week, there was a daily average of 12,250 unemployed, among whom were 9,361 unskilled workers and 1,920 women. The number of unemployed in Jerusalem was 1,190; Haifa, 1,650; Tel Aviv, 1,260; Ramat Gan, 616; Petah Tikva, 646; Ramlah, 456; Lydda, 454.

ON THE AIR

Jerusalem: 4:30 M.; Haifa: 2:45 M.; Tel Aviv: 4:30 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME

News: 7 a.m., 1:30, 6:00, 8:15, 9:30 & 11:30 p.m. Arabic Program (including News); 8 a.m., 2:15 & 6:15 p.m. Arabic Services; 6:30 p.m. 7:15 Musical.

4:45 Musical Clock (R). 7:15 Melodies (R). 8:30 Close Down.

4:00 p.m. Starts (R). 4:30 Musical Miniatures (R). 5:00 Piano Recital: David H. 5:15 Child's Concert: 5:30 Children's Hour: 6:00 Concert Music: 7:45 Talk: 8:00 Opera (R). 8:30 Bible Reading: 8:45 Answer to the Citizens: 9:00 Curtain Up: 9:45 Light Music (R).

10:15 Children's Hour: 10:30 Concert Music: 11:00 Concert: 11:30 Artistic Sacks: Yaacov Meiri, George Massa, Karel Barant, Avraham Aharoni & Antonio Lavanya: Works by Composers who fell in the War of Independence: Gavriel Jacobson, Nissim Wissotsky & Zvi Rosen: 10:45 "Nocturne": 11:45 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

News: 8:45 M.; Haifa: 2:45 M.; Tel Aviv: 4:30 M.

ENTERTAINMENT

The Influence of Relations with America on the Israeli Economy: 8:45 p.m. Pavilion of the International Pavilion of the Desert: 9:45 p.m. "Conquest of the Desert" exhibition: 10 a.m. & 4 p.m. Paintings and Drawings by P. Lissavsky: Comparative Exhibition of new and old Art: 10:15 a.m. & 4 p.m. The play of old Jewish women: Beited National Museum: 9:45 p.m.

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Department of Antiquities: Special exhibition of Hellenistic objects from Tell Abu-Mesa'ir: Beited National Museum: 9:45 p.m.

LIBRARIES

Lending Library and Reading Room: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Tel Aviv: 2:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m. Close Down.

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German Business Spreads in M.E.

By HENRIETTE BOAS
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AMSTERDAM (By Airmail). — German firms have been displaying greater initiative in the Middle East lately, the Bonn correspondent of the Dutch daily "De Volkskrant" reported. As a result, American enterprises have been trying more and more to establish close cooperation with German firms.

Arab mistrust of the Americans often makes it easier for American firms to penetrate in those countries. Matters are made more difficult for the Americans and the British by the fact that Japan has increased its export activities to the Arab markets, and selling its products at "dumping" prices.

A West German good-will mission to Syria is planned shortly. Syria is prepared to place important orders in Germany, but owing to its financial difficulties it demands long-term credits.

Among the projects envisaged is the pan-Arab autostrada from Beirut via Damascus to Israfil, with lateral roads to Tripoli, Lebanon, Hama, Anman and Sana'a. This originally American plan may now be carried out by the Germans.

British firms have also been seeking the help of West German firms for the sale of their products in those countries. The United Nations in Israel in the last three years, Mr. M. Adisheish, Director of the UNESCO Technical Aid Programmes, said here today prior to his departure for Paris by El Al.

Seismological stations in Jerusalem and Safad, the equipment of the station for the exploitation of water energy in Elat, and the training of 12 Israeli experts abroad are among the most important projects undertaken by UNESCO in Israel, he added.

Aid for the development of a biology institute at the Red Sea and a number of agricultural projects are now under consideration, he reported.

Israel will be in a position to supply agricultural experts to other countries, particularly India, Pakistan, Indonesia and other Asiatic countries, Mr. Adisheish said.

He has just completed a visit for discussions with the officials concerned with technical aid which will receive in 1955.

He visited Elat on Saturday and the seismological station in Jerusalem on Friday.

There are also important class differences and antagonism among the Sephardim; the rich and the poor, learned and unlearned, anti-Israel and pro-Israel but by considerations of global strategy (which reject the lessons and the experience of the past vis-a-vis the Arab League countries). The U.S. feels it need not conciliate Israel and the Jews, but it must be safe in its "soft" part. It is therefore no danger that the strong ties binding Israel to the U.S. will be tolerated.

The aim is the unity of the nation, not of the ethnic group. "Hatzofe" (World Mirrach) Union and "Herut" also extend greetings emphasizing what remains to be done to achieve national integration.

US POLICY CRITICISED
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CHAMOUN TO TOUR SOUTH AMERICA

The Lebanese President, Camille Chamoun, and the Defense Minister, Majid Arslan, left yesterday for a one-month tour of Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay. They will visit the large Lebanese communities there and try to conclude treaties of friendship with Latin American countries.

COOL HOMECOMING HAIFA, Sunday. — The 200

members of the crew of the Haifa, Jerusalem brought a total of 81 electric refrigerators to Haifa on their return from their trip to the U.S. last month. It was learned here that the Haifa tax is up to IL 300 tax on each refrigerator in addition to the usual customs duty for imports with a license.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

at 8:30 & 9:30 p.m.
ARON: Camille.
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MONDAY, MAY 18, 1954

THE PALESTINE DISCOUNT BANK LTD.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1953
(To the nearest Pound)

IL.12.52	IL.	IL.	IL.12.52	IL.	IL.
SHARE CAPITAL AUTHORIZED AND FULLY PAID:					
80,000 80,000 Ordinary Shares, IL 1 each	80,000	80,000	8,447,644		
92,000 92,000 Ordinary Shares, IL 10 each	920,000	1,000,000	6,700,000		
RESERVE FOR PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF BONUS SHARES			100,000	2,475,921	
480,000 RESERVES			500,000	15,628,585	
1,450,000			1,800,000		
CURRENT, DEPOSIT AND OTHER ACCOUNTS: include Reserve for Taxation, etc. and balance of Profit and Loss Account	25,119,920	25,119,920	447,543		
GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL, SPECIAL DEPOSITS	2,057,585	2,057,585	67,770		
24,455 SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES, current a/c	24,455	24,455	10,886,728		
7,379,060 LIABILITIES ON ACCOUNT OF CUSTOMERS (see contra): Documentary Credits, Acceptances and Guarantees	7,379,060	7,379,060			

